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DIV. OF OIL, GAS & MINING

Carsten Mortesen Utelite Corporation P.O. Box 387 Coalville, UT 84017

RE: Stream Channel Application No. 03-35-10SA to temporarily fill in a channel area with mine overburden on Three Mile Canyon in Summit County.

Rejected

Upon reviewing and assessing the above stated Stream Channel Alteration Application, your request has been rejected for the following reasons:

- 1. The project would unreasonably or unnecessarily diminish the natural channel's ability to conduct high flows.
- 2. The project would unreasonably or unnecessarily affect the natural stream environment.
- 3. The project would unreasonably or unnecessarily endanger aquatic wildlife.

It has been noted that fill and culverts have been placed without authorization in the stream channel area below the proposed project site. Disturbance to the bed and banks including, but not limited to, fill too close to flowing water can cause additional erosion and sedimentation among other problems. At a minimum this fill should be pulled back for flood capacity and sloped to at least an angle of repose and revegetated. This office should be contacted for a course of action to better rehabilitate the stream.

This decision is subject to the provisions of Rule R655-6-17 of the Division of Water Rights and to Sections 63-46b-13 and 73-3-14 of the Utah Code Annotated, 1953 as amended, which provide for filing either a Request for Reconsideration with the State Engineer, or an appeal with the appropriate District Court. A Request for Reconsideration must be filed with the State Engineer within 20 days of the date of this decision. However, a Request for Reconsideration is not a prerequisite for a court appeal. A court appeal must be filed within 30 days after the date of this Order, or if a Request for Reconsideration has been filed, within 30 days after the date the Request for Reconsideration is denied. A Request for Reconsideration is considered denied when no action is taken 20 days after the Request is filed.



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If you have any questions or need additional clarification, please contact Daren Rasmussen at 801-538-7377.

Sincerely,

Jerry D. Olds, P.E. State Engineer

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